

After 10 days, return to

188 W. 8th Ave.

MONMOUTH, ILL.



Mrs. J. P. On^c Libby

Emerson
Iowa

Monmouth Ill.
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Dear Mamma,

This is Sunday evening and I write a little - I went to church this morning. It was Childrens Day. The exercises were not as good as we had at Emerson but the music was fine.

Miss Carrie Sipher is the leader of the choir and she is a beautiful singer.

She sang a solo this morning "The Sweet Story of Old" and it was lovely.

She heard her sing "The Holy City" two weeks ago.

I wish you could have heard it - She gets \$6 a Sunday for singing. We went to a Lawyer social Thurs. evening given by the W. R. C. - The proceeds went to the Lippencott fund I suppose you know who Mrs. Lippencott was. An old army nurse and the W.R.C.'s are raising money to lift a mortgage off her home.

We have had several messes of peas from our garden. Have you? So Horace and Sadie are married - well they choose

an awful hot time I think
I wonder if there wasnt any
ministers in Council B. I
see they went to the J. P.
I have written to Mate -
I know the house they have
bought. It is a nice little
place. I wish I did have
some of your goose berries -
for pies. - I make my pie
crust of butter, flour, salt &
water - ~~no~~ lard and it is
pretty good. I make Maud
Clemmer's creamy pie and it
is awful good. I made one
today (had the shell baked
yesterday). Harry was here
for dinner today. Roy

has been coaxing - and
giving - and trying every
way to get me to make
some cookies but I havent
any good receipt - My book
gives such expensive receipts
such as 1 cup of butter 6 eggs &
etc. or else they are measured
out by lbs. & ounces. I wish
you would send me the
receipt for those lemon
snaps - that you got
where you went to Ohio
and I will try my luck.
Sis is planning now to
go on her trip the first
of Aug. and it would be
nice if you could come

then as we can use her
room - when she is gone.
Our north bed room only
has one window and it is
a narrow one - and it
is terrible hot in there.

Tuesday. - Well I didn't
get to write any yesterday. I
washed and ironed and
scrubbed and washed windows
and swept and dusted
yesterday besides several other
odd jobs. so you see I am
loafing today - we sold a
mess of peas and radishes
this morning got 20¢ for them.
We will soon have lots of
beans too. We are going to

have beet greens, peas and
new potatoes for dinner.

You asked if we had used
all our canned fruit -

Yes indeed long ago - Roy
said to tell you we ate
cans & all. That little
pig I told you about is
getting so he stays here
most of the time - Last
night he slept on the foot
of our bed all night: and
one other night he slept in
the closet off from our
room.

The Boston Store
here had a shirt waist
sale 3 days last week I
got me a dandy for 29¢.

It is blue & white stripes with
white sailor collar trimmed
with nice embroidery, and
then a little stand up
collar faced with the blue
for the points to turn back.
The regular price of it was
\$1.25. It is awful nice and
feels so good on me.

We can get pictures here
till July 1st for \$1.50 a doz.
but we just can not spare
the money. Roy needs new
shoes and some shirts and
we have so many places
for the little we have.

We took a piece of marble
work last week at too low

a price and didn't make
much out of it. He has
some more yet at Kirkwood
but he has to go on the
train so you see that takes
off a little - 34¢ the round
trip - You do pretty well
with your grocery bill to
make. No do so long.

You could have fresh fish
every day if you lived here.
There are several wagons that
deliver it. They deliver ice
cream too nearly all the
milk wagons have a freezer
right in their wagon.

Well I must close - Will
answer Louie's letter soon
As ever Carrie & Roy